

This is dedicated to all the wonderful friends
I have made in this community over the years.
Friends indeed. Inevitably, it's called:

Keepers of the Flame

Just doing it again
Listening from the heart
With sacred trust
The answer is "Yes!"
It's like coming home
But not
To a department store
It's to a well-tended
Fire
Living one's life on
Purpose.
Let's claim our place
By the fire
At this gathering
Of Elders.
And even Elders have
iPads.
Drumming: to call
A circle in a consecrated
Space. Wisdom flows.
Welcome into the circle.
Spotted and paired up
Elder to Elder
Spot to spot.
Yellow, Blue, Red and Green,
North, East, South and West
Going around with the sun
Downward, Upward and
Centered.
For our development
For their development
For my development.
Reflecting on time
Not on age

Re-member-ing
After being

Dis-membered
Learning versus development
Development versus learning
Is who, we are
It's all about our
Relationships, with dignity.

And, after lunch,
Come sit around
The fire
Don't get burned
Just watch the flames
Fan themselves
And listen to the story
Of TEC and a Persian rug
And Bob Nourse
And the earliest
Sharings of Chief Executives -
And all of us
Writing thanks to Sue
Who also helps to preserve
Bob's legacy.
And then there's Pat
In spirit as well as
On film at age 96
Extraordinary and
Outstanding.
How simple when one
Understands
How it works!
Just watch the film
And shoot fish in a
Barrel – and then
He took a course
In listening. Listen,
Till you get a hernia;
Put yourself in his world.
And, remember
It's built on a chain of trust
What an issue!
What an opportunity!
Even if it's not worth
Two hundred million.
So, how are we going to
Make them rich?

How do you know you're
Home? I just know
I need to be here
This is where I belong
In the second part
Of my life. And,
I choose to move
Inward in order
To renew.
What, are my needs?
Where, do I belong?
What, am I meant
To give?
What am I meant to give?
Take space to think
Then talk and share and
What is the one small thing?

Listen up you guys
It's not that we learn
New things
It's that we re-learn
Old things. And we
are caused to re-member
What our minds may well
Have forgotten.
So, drink
To the award-winners
Take inspiration
From them and
Develop. Learn
From the Elders.

Day two
Smell the Sage
But not each other
For the flame of passion
To renew
To renew our calling
Being aligned
With our

Inner Purpose
Using vitality and verve
Passion is the fuel
Of which enthusiasm
Is the flame.

OK, so what am I
Passionate about?
The flame, the fire,
The life, the source.
The emanation of wisdom
As I look around
This room
This wisdom is what
I
Am passionate about.
Just think
TEC Vistage
Bottles and sells it –
This wisdom.
But, who is,
Clyde Horner?
Go in and focus
On yourself
Tread the footprints
In the sands of
Your life.

Photographs and life lessons
trust in the water
Swim, you guys,
Through this wonderful life
Of ours, leaving the
Emotional baggage behind
helping each other
To swim through
Our second life.
Just stuff to work on!

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